ernment have received a representation from Mini Steel Plants (Electric Arc Furnaces);

(b) if so what are the demands of Mini Steel Plants; and

(c) what is the response of Government to their demands?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) to (c) Steel Furnace Association of India and Federation of Engineering Industries have represented for waiver of custom and excise duty on production of mini steel plants. A decision will be taken on an assessment of the overall economies of the operation of these units.

Shelter for Homeless

779. SHRI DEBA PRASAD RAY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many homeless people have been provided wih shelters so far in view of the fact that 1987 has been declared by United Nations as International Year for Shelter for Home less;

(b) what is the target to be achieved during the year; and

(c) what are the non-gevernmental agencies which are engaged in this task?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) Housing being a State subject, the details regarding provision of shelter to the houseless population is not readily available. However, at the national level, several steps have been taken to meet the Housing shortage, some of which ar as follows:—

(i) The Public Sector outlay for housing has been raised from Rs. 1490.87 crores in the Sixth Plan to Rs. 2458.21 crores in the Seventh Plan.

(ii) The norms for income eligibility, ceiling cost and construction of ceiling Government loan assistance for various Social Housing Schemes have been enhanced.

(iii) Under the Rural House Sites cum construction Assistance Scheme for Rural Landless Workers a provision of Rs. 577 crores has been made. Of this Rs. 36 crores would be utilised to provide developed house sites of 90 sq. mts. each to 7.2 lakh landless families at the rate of Rs. 500 per family and an expenditure of Rs. 541 crores would be incurred to provide construction assistance to 271 lakh families at the rate of Rs. 2000 per family.

(iv) HUDCO has sanctioned 269 special IYSH projects for providing shelter to about ten lakh persons and basic sanitation facilities to about six lakh persons.

(c) The proposals from non-governmental agencies interested in housing activities are considered on merits.

Target for Houses under Indira Awaas Yojana

780. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of houses built during 1986-87 and so far in 1987-88 under Indira Gandhi Awaas Yojana;

(b) what was the target for the construction of houses under the above said programme as per the budget announcements during the above period; and

(c) what is the percentage fulfilment of the target under the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAMANAND YADAV): (a) to (c) The number of houses built during 1986-87 and so far in 1987-88 under Indira Awaas Yojana are 136687 and 6373 houses respectively as per available reports.

One million houses are proposed to be constructed under Indira Awaas Yojana in the Seventh Plan Housing units are planned on year to year basis in accordance with the availability of the budget provisions.

The funds and foodgrains provided for the Yojana in 1986-87 were sufficient for construction of 1.68 lakh units of houses. The funds and foodgrains provided in the current year are sufficient for construction of 1.50 lakh units of houses. The achievement in 1986-87 was 85 per cent against the houses which could be constructed with the given funds and foodgrains.

Targets of Foodgrains Production

781. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the targets for production of foodgrains by the end of the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(b) whether there has been a mid term appraisal regarding the attainments of the targets of foodgrains production;

(c) what is the short-fall, if any, in the achievement of the targets of foodgrains production till now; and

(d) what steps are proposed to be taken to fulfil the targets in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) The Seventh Plan target for Production of foodgrains is 178—183 million tonnes.

(b) The Planning Commission has just initiated the Mid-term appraisal of agricultural performance during the Seventh Plan; and their views are yet to be finalised.

(c) The shortfall in achievement of targets for the first two years of Seventh Plan is as follows:—

1985-86—8.73 million tonnes.

1986-87—Around 10 million tonnes (anticipated).

(d) A number of programmes are under implementation both in the State sector and in the Central/ Centrally Sponsored Sectors aimed at achieving a significant increase in agricultural production. The more important among the Central/Centrally Sponsored Schemes are (i) special rice production programme in the Eastern Region, (ii) Assistance to Small and Marginal farmers, (iii) national watershed development programme for rainfed agriculture and (iv) national pulses development pro gramme.

Short Fall in Foodgrains Production

782. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the target of foodgrains, production for the year 1986-87; and 1987-88;

(b) what was the actual production of foodgrains for the year 1986-87; and

(c) what was the short fall in the production as per the target for the year 1986-87?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULUTRE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA):

(a) The targets are as follows:

1986-87—160 million tonnes.

1987-88—160—163 million tonnes.

(b) The production of foodgrains for the year 1986-87 is anticipated to be around 150 million tonnes.

(c) The shortfall during 1986-87 is likely to be around 10 million tonnes.